RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 21st *November,* 2007/30 *Kartika,* 1929 (*Saka*)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

RE. DEMAND FOR SUSPENSION OF THE QUESTION HOUR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have good news, For a variety of reasons, we had not been able to do our work in the last two days. But we have worked out solutions for them. The decision is that tomorrow, immediately after Question Hour, we will discuss the issue of the Special Economic Zone at Nandigram and its consequences. Now, we proceed with the...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I have given notice for suspension of the Question Hour to discuss the farmers issue, They are demanding MSP for paddy and ...*(Interruption)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will have a discussion on it...*(Interruptions)*... We will have a discussion on it.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, in the entire Andhra Pradesh, the farmers are observing a *bandh* today. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have assured you ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I strongly associate myself with what my colleague has mentioned. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): Sir, there are so many requests pending before the House regarding Calling Attention or Short Duration discussion on the paddy issue. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, I have given a notice. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take up the issue. I give you that assurance.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, we must have a full discussion ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, I have given a notice...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us now proceed with the Question Hour. Question No. 81.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cooperation of Bangladesh in the investigation into Hyderabad twin blasts

*81. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:††

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2-day Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Vijay J. Darda.

held in the month of August, 2007 agreed to take swift action on actionable intelligence on insurgents and fugitives to be shared between law enforcement agencies of the two countries;

(b) if so, whether Government has sought the cooperation of Bangladesh in the investigation on the 25th August Hyderabad twin blasts wherein Bangladeshis have been held responsible;

(c) whether those held responsible have been handed over to India; and

(d) the steps, Bangladesh has taken to check the infiltration of Bangladeshis into this country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) In the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in New Delhi on 2nd-3rd August, 2007, both sides, *interalia,* agreed to initiate swift action on information received about groups and elements and other fugitives from the law of either country taking shelter in the other country.

(b) and (c) The case of twin blast at Hyderabad on 25-08-2007 is still under investigation by the State Police.

(d) The issue of illegal infiltration from Bangladesh into the country has been taken up by the Government with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora. The Government has no inputs about the steps taken by the Government of Bangladesh to check the infiltration of Bangladeshis into the country.

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Sir, the hon. Minister has given the reply but I am not satisfied with that. What action has the Government taken during the year 2007 to pursue with the Government of Bangladesh of the closure of training camps in its territory which have been imparting training to insurgents and *jihadis* and what has been the result of such an interaction in the reduction of the number of militants' camps in the last ten months?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, we are dealing with a foreign country and we have a mechanism for discussing such issues with Bangladesh. The issues are discussed at three levels. One level is that of the DGs, the Director Generals of Police; the second level is that of the Joint Secretaries and the third level is that of the Secretary in the Home Department here and the Interior Ministry over there. They have been discussing these issues. But the reply we get from them is that there are no insurgents or terrorists having their camps over there and that if those facts are brought to their notice, they will take action. We have been exchanging information between the Governments, giving information about the camps and yet, unfortunately, it has not been possible to see that some effective action is taken. What we get is the denial. We are in the process of discussing these matters at higher levels also. At the Home Ministers' level this matter has been discussed; at the External Affairs Ministers' level, this matter has been discussed; at the Prime Minister's level also, this matter has been discussed.

श्री विजय जे॰ दर्डा: सभापति महोदय, आतंकवाद को रोकने के लिए सार्क स्तर पर क्या कार्यवाही हुई है, इसके बारे में माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर में कहा है कि उनको बंगला देश के द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों की जानकारी नहीं है। इसका मतलब यह है कि दोनों देशों के बीच संवाद की स्थिति ठीक नहीं है और इसे सुधारने के लिए तथा सूचनाओं के आदान-प्रदान के लिए आपने क्या किया है?

श्री शिवराज वी॰ पाटिल: श्रीमन, युनाइटेड नेशंस में इसके ऊपर चर्चा हुई है और उन्होंने कहा है कि terrorism को रोकने के लिए किस प्रकार के कदम उठाए जाने हैं। उनका जो डिसीजन है, उसके ऊपर सार्क कंट्रीज में भी चर्चा होती है और सार्क कंट्रीज के होम-मिनिस्टर्स की जो कांन्फ्रेंस परसों हुई है, उसके अंदर भी चर्चा हुई है और उसमें यह कहा गया है कि अगर हमारे पास कुछ इन्फॉरमेशन है, तो हम उनको देंगे और अगर उनके पास कुछ इन्फॉरमेशन है, तो वे हमको देंगे। दूसरा जो स्टेप उसके संबंध में उठाया जाता है, वह यह है

कि mutual legal assistance treaty हम दूसरे कंट्रीज के साथ sign करते हैं। इस treaty के मुताबिक किसी को arrest करना है तो किस प्रकार से किया जा सकता है, किसी को उधर भेजा जाना है तो किस प्रकार भेजा जा सकता है, इस पर भी चर्चा हो जाती है। तीसरा है extradition treaty. ये दोनों ट्रिटी - Legal Mutual Assistance Treaty और Extradition Treaty जो है, इस संबंध में हमने दूसरे देशों के साथ बहुत बातचीत की है और उस पर sign भी किया है, मगर बांग्लादेश के साथ अभी तक हम sign नहीं कर सके हैं। हमने documents उनके पास भेजे हैं, वह विचार कर रहे हैं और वह कह रहे हैं कि हम विचार करके इसके अंदर जो कदम उठा सकते हैं, वह उठाएंगे।

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Sir, the Home Minister said in his reply that at the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh both sides agreed to initiate swift action on information received about militant groups. So, I would like to ask the Minister, Sir, whether it is true that the investigators have come across links between the blasts in Hyderabad this year and the organisations in Bangladesh and had sought the assistance of their counterparts in tracking down the origin of the phone calls in the neighbouring country; also, whether it is true that the Home Ministry had received information from security agencies about the detention of Mohammad Hamza, a key functionary of HUJI and prime suspect in the blast case and whether response has been received from Bangladesh to the Interpol notice for Hamza.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, we have been discussing this matter with Bangladesh. As far as Interpol notice is concerned, there is an international agreement and we follow that international agreement and it is expected that the States, the Governments of the different countries do help them. We are in the process of investigating into the matters relating to the incidents in Hyderabad. It will be premature, at this stage, to disclose the information because disclosure of the information, at this stage, will affect the case. We do have some clues and we are following those clues. We have given the information relating to those to our neighbouring States and we hope that we will get the assistance and cooperation.

डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी: श्रीमन्, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है लेकिन जो कुछ उसके उत्तर आए हैं वे समाधानकारक नहीं प्रतीत होते हैं। मैं आपसे यह जानना चाहूंगा कि कितने लोग, विशेषकर बांग्लादेशी, भारतीय कानूनों से बचने के लिए दूसरे देशों में भागे हुए हैं और कितने बांग्लादेश के लोग वहां के कानूनों से बचने के लिए यहां आए हुए हैं। क्या उनकी संख्या या उनके बारे में कुछ जानकारी देंगे और सरकार इसके बारे में क्या कदम उठा रही है? दूसरी बात यह है कि बांग्लादेश की सरकार वहां से घुसपैठ रोकने के लिए कुछ नहीं कर रही है, लेकिन भारत की सरकार उसके घुसपैठ को रोकने के लिए क्या कर रही है, क्योंकि घुसपैठ तो है यह आपने स्वीकार किया है? साथ ही साथ इन घुसपैठियों की संख्या भारत में अनुमानित कितनी है और इनमें आतंकवाद के बारे में, उसको फैलाने के बारे में, उसमें भागीदारी करने के बारे में इनकी क्या भूमिका है?

श्री शिवराज वी॰ पाटिल: श्रीमान्, बहुत सारा statistics मांगा गया है, उसके बारे में लिखित रूप से जितना दे सकता हूं, उनको दे दूंगा। अगर यह पूछा गया कि बांग्लादेश से कितने लोग यहां पर आए और वापस नहीं गए तो उसकी संख्या आसानी से दी जा सकती है, यह पूछा गया कि कितने लो[illegible] हमने [illegible] उसकी संख्या दी जा सकती है, मगर यह पूछा गया कि कितने लोग यहां पर आए हुए हैं तो उसकी संख्या निश्चित रूप से देना मुश्किल हो जाता है। अगर मैंने एक आंकड़ा दे दिया तो दूसरा आंकड़ा सामने आएगा और उसके ऊपर चर्चा होगी, तो भी जितनी भी उसके बारे में मालूमात है, मैं आप तक पहुंचा दूंगा। हमारी सरकार ने घुसपैठ को रोकने के लिए क्या किया है? आपने यह बहुत ही अच्छा प्रश्न पूछा है। इसके बारे में आपको भी जानकारी है कि हमने बांग्लादेश की जो सरहद है, भारत और बांग्लादेश की जो सरहद है, उसके ऊपर बाड़ लगाने, fence लगाने का काम शुरू किया है और वह काम बहुत तेजी से किया गया और उसकी वजह से यहां पर आने वाले लोगों की संख्या भी बहुत कम हो गई है। इसके संबंध में मैं यह बताना चाहूंगा कि हमारी जो नदियां हैं, जो छोटी-छोटी

नदियां हैं, जो वहां पर समुद्र में जाकर मिलती है उसकी वजह से नदी के पात्र में बाड़ लगाना बड़ा मुश्किल हो जाता है। अगर हमने वहां बाड़ लगा दी तो वह या तो गिर जाती है या बह जाती है, इसके संबंध में भी करना है। तो हमने फ्लोटिंग बी०ओ०पीज० उसके अंदर लगाए हैं और वह कर रहे हैं। हमने यह भी उनको कहा है कि अगर आप चाहें तो आपको भी हम फ्लोटिंग बी०ओ०पी० दे देंगे और उसकी मदद से अपना काम कर सकेंगे।

तीसरी बात यह है कि जब भी कभी मालूम हो जाता है कि किसी को पकड़ा गया है, तो उसके लिए उसको हल करने के लिए, उस पर कार्यवाही करने के लिए बॉडर पर जो पुलिस है, वह एक दूसरे से बात करती है। इस प्रकार से अन्य प्रकार के कदम इस संबंध में उठाए गए हैं और उसके मुताबिक काम करने की कोशिश की गई है। एक बात का ध्यान हमें रखना है कि हमारा संबंध परदेश से है। वे क्या कहना चाहते हैं, उनकी नीति के मुताबिक वे कहते हैं और पूरे तरीके से हमारा समाधान होता है, ऐसा नहीं कहा जा सकता, मगर इसके बावजूद भी हमारी कोशिश होती है कि जितना समाधान हो सके, वह हम कर सकें। उन पर निर्भर नहीं होते हुए अपनी सुरक्षा करने के लिए हम क्या कर सकते हैं, वह हम करते हैं। तो हमने बाड़ का काम पूरा कर दिया है, उसके पास से सड़क बनाई है, इलेक्ट्रानिक्स gadgets उसके ऊपर लगाए हैं और उसके ऊपर पैट्रोलिंग बढ़ाई है, जो पोस्ट्स हैं, उसमें जो अंतर है, उसको कम करने की कोशिश हमने की है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी: सर, इस प्रश्न का उत्तर रह गया है कि जो बांग्लादेशी यहां मौजूद हैं, इस देश में आतंकवाद को फैलाने में, उसको बढ़ाने में क्या उनकी कोई भूमिका है? अगर है तो सरकार क्या कर रही है? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री विनय कटियार: मंत्री जी को इतना भी नहीं मालूम है कि बांग्लादेश ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति: प्लीज...प्लीज...(**व्यवधान**)... let us follow an order ... *(Interruptions)*...

श्री विनय कटियार: सरकार को यह जानकारी नहीं है कि कितने विदेशी लोग ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. Minister respond. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री विनय कटियार: मैं आपका संरक्षण चाहूंगा ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. Minister respond. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री विनय कटियार: आप यह बताइए कि कितने बांग्लादेशियों ने घुसपैठ की है?

श्री शिवराज वी० पाटिल: सर, यह इतना लंबा प्रश्न हो गया है कि आपने जो प्रश्न पूछा था, मैं थोड़ा भूल गया हूं, आप रिपीट कर दीजिए।

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी: मैंने कहा था कि बांग्लादेशी, भारत में हैं, यह आपने स्वीकार किया है, घुसपैठिए हैं, वैधानिक रूप से नहीं हैं, भारत में आतंकवाद है और ऐसे समाचार हैं कि बंगलादेश से भारत में आतंकवाद प्रसारित किया जा रहा है। तो जो बांग्लादेशी घुसपैठिए यहां मौजूद हैं, वे हमारे देश में आतंकवाद को फैलाने में कोई भूमिका निभा रहे हैं और अगर उनकी कोई भूमिका है, तो सरकार उसको रोकने के लिए क्या कर रही है?

श्री शिवराज वी० पाटिल: श्रीमन्, यह बात ऐसी है कि हम कह दें कि वहां से आए हुए सारे के सारे लोग आतंकवाद में लगे हैं, तो यह कहना भी मुश्किल हो जाएगा, अगर मैं यह कहूं कि वहां से आने वालों में आतंकवाद करने वाला कोई नहीं है, तो यह कहना भी मुश्किल हो जाएगा, मगर इतनी बात मैं जिम्मेदारी से कहना चाहूंगा कि उनमें कुछ लोग हैं, जिनके नाम हमको मालूम हैं, उनके नाम हमने उनको दिए हैं, उनकी तरफ से भी कभी-कभी इन लोगों के बारे में कहा जाता है कि ये लोग हमारे पास नहीं हैं...(**व्यवधान**)... तो पूरे तरीके से मैं यह नहीं कहता कि वहां से आने वाले लोगों में कोई आतंकवाद करने वाले लोग नहीं हैं या वहां से आने वाले सभी के सभी लोग आतंकवादी हैं।

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, in the twin blasts in Hyderabad, Gokul Chat and Lumbini Park, 44 people died on that night and 54 persons injured. This has

happened on 25th August, 2007. Prior to this incident, there was a blast in the historic Mecca Masjid wherein 14 people had died. During that time also, it was mentioned by the Government of India that they are investigating into the case and investigating into the connections with Bangladesh and all those things. Prior to that also, there was another incident for which a task force headed by DCP was formed. In 2007, there was three blasts in Hyderabad.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question?

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, I am coming to that. The question arises out of the answer given by the hon. Home Minister wherein he had said that the case of twin blasts was still under investigation by the State police. The hon. Home Minister having visited Hyderabad had assured people that Government of India would take all steps in protecting lives and properties of the people of Hyderabad. According to the answer given here, the State police is investigating the case. He had assured an ex-gratia payment and rehabilitation for the victims of that night. I would like to know what action is taken by the Government of India and the steps taken by both the Governments in paying the ex-gratia and in rehabilitation and creating confidence among the people of Hyderabad. Once, Hyderabad was looked at by everybody and now people are afraid of even looking at it. This is the state of affairs.

The Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh have failed miserably in protecting the lives and properties of the people.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, it has to be realised that there are three lists which are provided under the Constitution of India. The first subject which is mentioned in the State List is law and order. The subjects mentioned in the State List are exclusively within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: But what is the answer? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. Minister complete ...*(Interruptions)*... Let the hon. Minister complete ...*(Interruptions)*....Mr. Reddy, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... May I request the hon. Members to allow the proceedings to continue? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: It has to be realised that investigation in such matters is done by the State police ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: When they are investigating the role of Bangladeshis ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: If we go to every State then there will be no exception. It may be one State or another State and we will investigate. ...*(Interruptions)*... That is what I want to add. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will reply to all the points raised. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री विनय कटियार: क्या आतंकवाद केवल राज्यों का विषय है? ...(**व्यवधान**)... हम जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या आतंकवाद केवल राज्यों का विषय है? क्या केन्द्र की इसमें कोई भूमिका नहीं है? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please do not interrupt ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow the hon. Minister to complete.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, it has to be realised that when the incidents take place, whatever assistance can be given by the Government of India it is given. If the State police is not having expertise to investigate into the kind of explosives that are used, that kind of assistance is given by us. Then with regard to giving assistance to the people who are the victims, we have a scheme and

under that scheme a certain amount of money is given to them. We call it SRE, Security-related Expenditure. A person who has died, a person who has been the victim, is given a certain amount of money. If a person has died, Rs. 3 lakhs are given. Other things are also given.

श्री रूद्रनारायण पाणि: यह पैसे का सवाल नहीं है। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Please allow me to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*... I was asked what kind of assistance has been given by the Government of India. I am just explaining what kind of assistance is given. ...*(Interruptions)*... When I had the discussion with the Chief Minister and others, — I was discussing this matter — and I was saying, "Look, if the number of people living in your State is increasing, if the money you are spending on the developmental activities is increasing, if the equipments which are used for development as well as for causing some crimes are used by the people, it becomes necessary for the State Government to increase the strength of the police. And not only that, increase the strength of the investigating agencies, increase the strength of the CID also." I am very happy to inform you, Sir, when this discussion took place, the Chief Minister was in a position to tell me that they are going to have 38,000 more men and officers recruited than what they have now. We have said, "We will be giving you the training facilities for that purpose." RAF Battalions have been given to them. This is the information, which is given. Now, there is a federal structure or a unitary structure in the Constitution and if the former Law Minister asks me question on these points, I will be happy to reply according to my understanding. But you cannot create confusion just by adding questions in between and then saying that this is not the Constitutional position. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Sir, a number of bomb blasts have taken place in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the recent period. It is causing great agony among the masses. The security of life of the people in Hyderabad is very much threatened, that is the feeling ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, my question to the hon. Minister is this. When the people are losing their confidence, when terrorist activities are taking place, when bomb blasts are taking place, the reply of the Minister says that 'no information is received with regard to the terrorist groups and elements'. They are still investigating; the State Government is still doing investigation. There are no results and there is no identification of terrorists. He says, 'No clue has been found.' Regarding illegal infiltration, it is stated that there is no clue. So, if this is the state of affairs, how is the Government of India going to provide security and how is it going to contain terrorist activities? That is my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Is it not a failure on the part of the Government with regard to investigation? Investigation has totally failed. Is it not a fact that intelligence in Andhra Pradesh is totally...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are not having a discussion here. Please put your question. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: As far as the role of the Central Government is concerned, if the hon. Member had been kind enough to pay attention to my statement, he would have understood what kind of role can be played by the Central Government in matters of this nature. I would like to inform the hon. Member and this august House that crime, violence, terrorism in Andhra Pradesh has come down by 60 per cent. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: In 2007 alone, we witnessed three incidents. Sir, they do not register FIRs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, let the hon. Minister complete. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: As far as this is concerned, I would like to inform the hon. Member that we had the information regarding these incidents, we had passed on the information, but I have been saying on the floor of the House repeatedly that when the information is available and it is passed on, unfortunately, we do not have the information as to the time when it would happen. As to the place, it can be done. That is why the actionable information has to be collected by the local intelligence agencies and that is why we have asked the State Governments to strengthen their local intelligence agencies. But, as far as the national intelligence agencies were concerned, they did have the information; they did pass it on to the State Government; the State Government tried their best, but, unfortunately, it was not possible for them to find out the place and the time when it could be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 82. Please sit down. All admitted questions have equal value. ...*(Interruptions)*... I would like the hon. Member to allow the proceedings to continue. ...*(Interruptions)*... Would you kindly proceed? Hon. Members may kindly sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow the Member to put a question.

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: I want to put a question. How many people ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR CHAIRMAN: Once the questions are admitted, they all have equal weightage. Question No. 82 ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: ...*(Interruptions)*... Innocent people are being arrested. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: सर, ...(व्यवधान)

†[شری شاہد صدیقی : سر، ـــــ مداخلت ـــــ]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will the hon. Members kindly sit down? (*Interruptions*) Let me make one point very clear. Please listen to the Chair. (*Interruptions*) Please settle down. Please, sit down. आप बैठ जाइए, आप बैठ जाइए। *(Interruptions)*

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: सर, ... (व्यवधान) किसी को भी अरेस्ट कर लेते हैं और उसके ऊपर आतंकवादी का आरोप लगा देते हैं। ...(व्यवधान)

†[شری شاہد صدیقی : سر، ـــــ مداخلت ـــــ کسی کو بھی اریسٹ کر لیتے ہیں اور ان کے اوپر آتنک وادی کا آروپ لگا دیتے ہیں۔ ـــــ مداخلت ـــــ]

श्री विनय कटियार: सर, ..(व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record. Please proceed with the question. आप बैठ जाइए।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, let me make this very clear that the attempt to disrupt the proceedings of the House will invoke Rule 255 of the Rules ...*(Interruptions)*... Let it not be repeated ...*(Interruptions)*... Please proceed with the Question ...*(Interruptions)*... Please settle down ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: *

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: *

DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: *

श्री रुद्रनारायणपाणि: *

श्री विनय कटियार: *

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*Not recorded.

†[Transliteration in Urdu Script]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please settle down ...(*Interruptions*)...I will name the Member if he does not settle down ...(*Interruptions*)... Please do not disrupt ...(*Interruptions*)... Let us proceed with Question No. 82 ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: *

DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: *

श्री मोतिउर रहमान: *

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please follow the procedure ...(*Interruptions*)... Do not disrupt the House ...(*Interruptions*)...You give notice for a discussion. You can have a discussion ...(*Interruptions*)... I am sorry ...(*Interruptions*)... Please settle down ...(*Interruptions*)...Let the question proceed ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:*

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will be compelled to name the Members who are disrupting the proceedings ...(*Interruptions*)... Please settle down ...(*Interruptions*)... Question No. 82 ...(*Interruptions*)... Please proceed with the question...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI SHOBANA BHARTIA: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please follow the procedure. Question No. 82.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्लाह खान आज़मी: *

श्री सभापति: आपको चर्चा करनी है, तो आप अपना प्रोप्रर प्रोसिज़र फॉलो कीजिए, चर्चा होगी। मगर इस वक्त सवालात का जवाब देने दीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री विनय कटियार: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please follow the procedure. Question No. 82 ...(*Interruptions*)... कटियार जी, प्लीज आप बैठ जाइये। ...(व्यवधान)... I am sorry ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री विनय कटियार: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for five minutes.

(The House then adjourned at twenty-seven minutes past eleven of the clock)

The House re-assembled at thirty-three minutes past eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, when we want adjournment you don't adjourn, when we do not want adjournment you adjourn.

श्री सभापति: डॉ. साहब, जिंदगी का यही तरीका है, क्या किया जाए?

The hon. Members know very well that if there is an issue of concern there are established procedures for asking a discussion on it. The Chair is always willing to permit discussions as per rules. Now, can we resume the Question Hour? Question No. 82.

DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, what happened to Question No. 81?

*Not recorded.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 81 has been answered. We had six supplementary on it. That's it.

Joint strategy for countering threats from various militant groups

*82 SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 3-day annual conference of Director-Generals and Inspector-Generals of Police, organized by the Intelligence Bureau was held in the month of October, 2007 to discuss a joint strategy with police chiefs from all States, para-military forces and security agencies on countering threats from various militant groups;

(b) whether top officials have sought a policy for close monitoring of procedures for providing security to various persons;

(c) if so, the outcome of the conference held; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken to meet the threat of terrorists in various States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. The Annual Conference of Directors General of Police/Inspectors General of Police of States/UTs and Heads of Central Police Organizations was held from October 3 to 5, 2007 in New Delhi.

(b) The issue of VVIP Security was also discussed in the Conference.

(c) This Conference is held every year to deliberate on new challenge, exchange ideas on best practices and formulate strategies and measures to strengthen various aspects of management of internal security.

(d) The Government reamins fully committed to combating the menace of terrorism. The policy of the Government is to counter the challenge posed by terrorism by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, legal, security and development fronts. The Government is willing to talk to all those groups who agree to abjure violence and surrender arms within the framework of the Indian Constitution. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in September, 2004 has the necessary provision to deal with various aspects of terrorism. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State Police Forces and steps taken to achieve bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, some of the hon. Members had expressed some apprehensions about investigations and all those things. That is also being looked into. When it is taken up, we will discuss it. The Government is willing to participate in the discussion at any time, in accordance with your directions.

As far as reply to Question No. 82 is concerned, a statement is laid on the Table of the House. *